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**AMERICORPS DIRECTOR ROSIE MAUK VISITS
SACRAMENTO SERVICE PROGRAMS**

SACRAMENTO – Chuck J. Supple, Executive Director for the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) will be joined by Rosie Mauk, national director of AmeriCorps, to visit the California Alliance for Prevention (CAP) in Sacramento on Wednesday, August 7, 2002.

AmeriCorps members serving in CAP provide direct in home visitation services to families deemed at risk of child abuse and neglect. It was found that in those counties where AmeriCorps members provided such service, child abuse and neglect went down 24%.

Currently, CAP engages nearly 400 AmeriCorps members in 19 counties throughout California. The program, recognized as an innovative model, has proven highly successful in fighting child abuse and neglect.

GO SERV, California's national service commission, recently provided grants in excess of \$30 million to support more than 60 AmeriCorps programs throughout California. Currently, there are 13,500 AmeriCorps members engaged in service in one of three national service programs: AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve, and Senior Corps.

GO SERV supports nearly 6,500 members serving through AmeriCorps. Also known as the domestic Peace Corps, AmeriCorps engages members in community service for a specified term, in exchange for which members receive an educational award of up to \$4,725.

While here, Mauk will also attend the graduation ceremony of the AmeriCorps *NCCC, whose members completed over 350,000 hours of service.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST 7, 2002:

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Mutual Assistance Network AmeriCorps visit
811 Grand Avenue, Suite A-2

7:00 p.m. AmeriCorps *NCCC Western Region Graduation
Lion's Gate Garden Pavillion Ballroom
3410 Westover Street, McClellan, CA

